

# **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers and/or Virtual May 03, 2022 at 11:00 AM

### **MINUTES**

The public will be able to view the meeting on San Juan County's Facebook live and Youtube channel

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Time Stamp 0:00:04 (audio & video)

Commission Chair Grayeyes called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Time Stamp 0:00:23 (audio & video)

**PRESENT** 

Commission Chairman Willie Grayeyes Commission Vice-Chair Bruce Adams Commissioner Kenneth Maryboy (11:34 am.)

#### **INVOCATION**

Time Stamp 0:01:01 (audio & video)

Commissioner Adams offered the invocation.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Time Stamp 0:02:30 (audio & video)

Mack presented the Agenda for review and approval by the Commissioners

Motion with one change (move Item #9 - Update and Presentation from the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration regarding the transfer of SITLA parcels from the Bear's Ears National Monument to before Public Comment

Motion made by Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Seconded by Commission Chairman Grayeyes. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams

### Time Stamp 0:07:56 (audio & video)

Michelle McConkie, Executive Director, School Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), presented the initial draft plan map to trade Bears Ears National Monument property in exchange for SITLA property within San Juan County and 20 other counties.

Chris Fawcett - employee with SITLA highlighted a map identifying the in-county properties being considered for exchange. Commissioner Adams encouraged SITLA to recognize grazing contracts, mining rights and related opportunities.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments will be accepted through the following Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3125521102 Meeting ID: 312 552 1102 mobile +16699006833,,3125521102# US (San Jose)

There will be a three minute time limit for each person wishing to comment. If you exceed that three minute time limit the meeting controller will mute your line.

Cindi Holyoak (County Recorder) - lives east of Monticello. She stated the Attorney General should investigate the Commissioners for collusion regarding the recent attorney selection process.

Megan Gallegos - lives in Monticello, she encouraged the Commissioners to uphold the State Law.

Gail Johnson - lives in Fry Canyon. Gail is concerned about the SITLA land exchange proposal. She asked for SITLA to give more public notice in the future. She heard about the meeting this morning, which negates the public response and input.

Sylvia Stubbs - from Blanding - Sylvia spoke on behalf of the children who will benefit from the land exchanges. She told a story about how disagreements can be changed to agreements. She asked for SITLA to continue to work with the county citizens.

Merry Shumway - resident from Blanding, (School Board member) her family has served the community in many elected and appointed positions for many years. She presented a pie chart detailing the tax oversight of all property in the county. The county needs access to the land to develop the economy for all residents.

Val Dalton- rancher and resident of Monticello expressed his displeasure regarding the federal governments past land trades with SITLA. He stated that the federal government oversight of exchanged county land has limited access to the local residents.

Doug Allen - from Monticello, He spoke about the disappointing effort from the Commissioners related to the recent attorney selection process. He indicated the local attorneys have a strong interest in the county and its continued success.

Tiffany Dalton - lives in the county. Her family ranches within the Bears Ears National Monument or the purple area of the SITLA map and has concerns about the water rights. She expressed her displeasure about working with the BLM. She asked for SITLA to work with the local land users.

Lori Maughan - is from Monticello, as the School District Board Chair and speaking on behalf of the School District stated "that on February 9th, they collectively, passed a motion opposing any trade of land that would move designated Trust Land property within the County."

Kyle Kemmerly - is from Moab, spoke of the weak economy within San Juan county, that was caused by the closing of mines. The county needs to open more mineral & gas properties. Kyle wants the SITLA officials to work with the County.

Phil Lyman - Utah House of Representative, spoke about the BLM and their harmful policies. SITLA can help the county heal and develop as land exchange negotiations go forward.

Nicole Perkins - Library Director from Blanding, spoke of the library budget and and asked why it's shrinking. The tax-payer and county employees have borne the brunt of the property tax structure. She expressed concern about the attorney selection process and its impact upon the budget.

Rick Meyer – County Assessor from Blanding. He hopes that the federal government isn't pushing for the trade-out of Bears Ears Monument property because of the upcoming election in two years.

Keele Johnson - from Blanding, He is surprised about the hurry to exchange the Bears Ears Monument property for the SITLA properties. He has concerns that the BLM is pushing the for the land exchange.

Tyler Ivins - from Blanding, He is a sixth generation rancher. Tyler wants the SITLA property sections to remain open and available for the local residents. He asked about what will happen to the water rights associated with Monument properties once they have exchanged with SITLA properties.

Vick Mooneyhan Jr., lives east of Monticello. Vick Has concerns about the county government. He encouraged the Commissioners to represent the entire county and to not allow adjacent county special interests to run our local government.

Gary Mooneyhan Sr., lives east of Monticello. Gary wants the County Government to remember the US Flag and to serve all of our county residents. Communication with the federal, state, and county residents is very important.

Rebecca Benally- from Montezuma Creek (former County Commissioner), spoke about the SITLA property relationship with the county residents, and particularly, the school aged students. She has concerns that the County Commissioner's decisions are sinking the county deeper into poverty.

# CONSENT AGENDA (Routine Matters) Mack McDonald, San Juan County Administrator

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a Commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda as a new business action item. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

Time Stamp 1:27:21 (audio & video)

Mack presented the Consent Agenda for the review and approval by the commissioners.

Motion made by Commissioner Maryboy, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Adams. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Maryboy

- 1. Approval of April 5, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes
- 2. Approval of April 19, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes
- 3. Approval of Check Registers for April 15 to April 30, 2022
- 4. Approval of \$10,255 in Small Purchases: \$5,000.00 for Branded Emergency Management App, Emergency Management, \$3,655.00 30 Second Commercial, Visitor Services, \$1,600.00 Economic Development Corporation of Utah Annual Membership, Economic Development
- 5. Approval for the Renewal of a Veterans Care Agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs
- 6. Approval of a \$4,762 Purchase for the Proximity Service for the Coworking Space Entry System
- 7. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the Utah Department of Emergency Management for the Annual Renewal of a Special Needs Registry
- 8. Approval of San Juan County Minimum Performance Standards SFY22 Amendment 1 with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services

# RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Update and Presentation from the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration regarding the transfer of SITLA parcels from the Bear's Ears National Monument

#### Time Stamp 0:07:56 (audio & video)

Presented before Public Comment section of Agenda

10. San Juan County Sales Tax Leakage Report, by Elaine Gizler, Economic Development, and Visitor Services Director.

#### Time Stamp 1:30:45 (audio & video)

Elaine Gizler, Director of Economic Development and Tourism presented the Sales Tax Leakage report generated by Zions Bank. She expressed concerns that adjacent counties are influencing our elected County officials, who in turn, are denying and slowing down economic development in the northern part of San Juan County. She sees that an additional inventory of housing can strengthen our economy and reduce the sale tax leakage.

#### **BUSINESS/ACTION**

11. Approval of purchase for the RD & Vee Carroll Sculpture, Presented by Mikaela Ramsay, Assistant Library Director & Monticello Branch Librarian

# Time Stamp 1:41:36 (audio & video)

McKayla presented the proposal for a bronze cast sculpture. She stated that the County Library received a \$5,000 donation from the T.R. Paul Family Foundation for a bronze cast sculpture honoring RD and Vee Carroll. The bronze cast features kids' reading a book while sitting on a log bench.

Motion to approve Designer #1

Motion made by Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Maryboy

12. Consideration and Approval of a Letter of Support for the Utah Food Bank's Efforts to Establish a Food Pantry in Monument Valley, Commissioner Bruce Adams, Vice-Chair

### Time Stamp 1:47:09 (audio & video)

Commissioner Adams presented the letter for consideration to support the Utah Food Bank's efforts to build a food bank pantry in Monument Valley.

Motion made by Commissioner Maryboy, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Adams. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Maryboy

13. Consideration and Approval of Lonesome Left Estates Subdivision Amendment No. 5, Scott Burton, Planning and Zoning Director

# Time Stamp 1:50:24 (audio & video)

Scott Burton, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented the change on Lot 1, amendment 5. The plat change increases the entrance side of the road by 10 feet.

Motion made by Commissioner Maryboy, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Adams. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Maryboy

14. Consideration and Approval of the Updated Library Public Services Policy, Nicole Perkins, Library Director

Time Stamp 1:53:04 (audio & video)

Nicole Perkins presented the Library Public Services Policy. She reviewed several of the changes contained within the new policy.

Motion made by Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Maryboy

15. Consideration and Approval of the University of Utah Program of Addiction Research, Clinical Care, Knowledge, and Advocacy (PARCKA) Contract, Grant Sunada, Public Health Director

# Time Stamp 1:59:40 (audio & video)

Grant Sunada, Executive Director for the County Public Health Department, presented the PARCKA contract for approval, The contract is for 7 months and is focused on helping expectant mothers.

Motion made by Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Maryboy

16. Consideration and Approval of Amendment #1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between San Juan County and the City of Monticello for Law Enforcement Services, Sheriff Jason Torgerson

# Time Stamp 2:04:20 (audio & video)

Sheriff Torgerson presented the enhanced law enforcement contract between San Juan County and the City of Monticello.

Motion made by Commissioner Maryboy, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Adams. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Maryboy

17. Consideration and Approval of the 2023 Community Impact Fund (CIB) List, Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

### Time Stamp 2:08:10 (audio & video)

Mack presented the 2023 CIB list ranking (from high to low) the potential local projects.

Motion made by Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Maryboy

18. Discussion and Direction Regarding the County, Board of County Commissioners' and County Staffs' Legal Representation for the Seventh Judicial District Court Case Number: 22070004

### Time Stamp 2:15:11 (audio & video)

Mack presented a thorough and lengthy history related to the attorney selection process. Mack read the Attorney General's letter confirming the appropriateness of the attorney search conducted by the Clerk's Office. In addition, Mack presented the Restraining Order from the Seventh Judicial District Court, ordering all efforts in searching for additional attorney candidates to stop immediately. The Seventh Judicial District Court Injunction WebEx hearing is scheduled for May 16, 2022.

Alex Goble, Interim County Attorney, presented several points for discussion.

Motion to notice and schedule an Emergency Commission meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Motion made by Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Maryboy

**COMMISSION REPORTS** - Skipped due to the length of the meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Time Stamp 2:57:32 (audio & video)

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Seconded by Commissioner Maryboy. Voting Yea: Commission Chairman Grayeyes, Commission Vice-Chair Adams, Commissioner Maryboy

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APPROVED:

San Juan County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

DATE: 5/17/2022

DATE: 5/23/2022